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THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (a) No irrigation works in Attur taluk, Salem district, were suggested for inclusion in the First Five-Year Plan.

" (b) & (c) Do not arise."

SRI M. P. SUBRAMANIAM :—" ஆத்தூர் தாலூக்காவில் பல கிராமங்களில் சிறிய நீர்பாசன திட்டங்கள் சம்பந்தமாக அதிகாரிகளுக்கு அனுப்பப்பட்டிருக்கின்றன. இதுவரை பரிசீலனை செய்யப்படவில்லை. சேலம் கலெக்டர் ஆபீசில் 2, 3 அரை ஆண்டு நீர்பாசன மாகாநாடுகளில் தனியாக இஞ்சினீயர்களை நியமித்து இன்வெஸ்டிகேட் செய்யவேண்டுமென்று தீர்மானித்தார்கள். அந்தத் தீர்மானம் அரசாங்கத்திற்கு அனுப்பப்பட்டிருக்கிறது. அதன் பேரில் அரசாங்கம் இதுவரையில் தக்க நடவடிக்கைகளை எடுக்கவில்லை. அப்படிப்பட்ட தீர்மானம் வந்திருக்கிறதா? அப்படி வந்திருந்தால் என்ன நடவடிக்கை எடுத்திருக்கிறார்கள்? இல்லையேல் சிறு நீர்பாசன திட்டங்களை நிறைவேற்ற தனிப்பட்ட இஞ்சினீயர்களை அரசாங்கத்தார் நியமிப்பார்களா ?"

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" Sir, I have already stated in my reply that no irrigation works in Attur taluk, Salem district were suggested for inclusion in the First Five-Year Plan, because there were no projects which could be considered fit for inclusion in the Plan. But, however the Superintending Engineer for Food Production has stated that under improvements to the tanks under Special Minor Irrigation Programme during 1954–55 the raising of F.T.L. Laddivadi tank in Attur taluk at an estimated cost of Rs. 6,500 has been sanctioned and that the work has been nearly completed. So, there is a Special Minor Irrigation Programme for that taluk."

Travelling allowance of the Presiding Officers of the Madras Legislature.

* 2251 *Q.*—SRI A. GOVINDASWAMY NAYAGAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Speaker of Madras Legislative Assembly and the Chairman of Madras Legislative Council and their deputies are entitled to travelling allowance when they go on tour in their official capacities;

(b) at what rates; and

(c) whether there is any difference in their rates of travelling allowance and those of Ministers?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (a) Yes, Sir.

" (b) & (c) A comparative statement [a] is placed on the table of the House. The rates of travelling allowance and daily allowance payable to Ministers and the Speaker and the Chairman are the same. There is, however, a slight difference in the rates of travelling allowance and daily allowance admissible to Ministers and Deputy Speaker and the Deputy Chairman."

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a Printed as Appendix on page 660 infra.

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Sri M. KALYANASUNDARAM :—" ஸார், சபாநாயகர், உதவி சபாநாயகர், கவுன்சில் தலைவர், உதவி தலைவர் முதலியவர்கள் உத்தியோக சம்பந்தமாக வெளியூர் பிரயாணங்களை ஏற்றுக்கொள்வதாக இருந்தால் அவர்களே அப்படி நிர்ணயித்துக்கொண்டு, அப்படி செல்லக்கூடிய காலத்தில் அலவன்ஸ் பெற முடியுமா அல்லது சர்க்காருடைய முன் அனுமதி பெற்று பிரயாணங்களை மேற்கொண்டால்தான் படி கிடைக்குமா ?"

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" They can fix their own programme, but I think they will have to intimate it to the Government."

Sri M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" It is easy to ascertain the official character of Ministers' tours which are comprehensive enough to include the opening of footpaths or tea-shops? Is there anything laid own to ascertain whether the tours of the Speaker or the Chairman are official ones or not?"

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, in these days of democracy tea shops and foot-paths are more important than palatial buildings and that is why as representing poor people we want to participate in functions wherein poor people will be more benefited. There is no use of casting aspersions. Perhaps the Socialistic approach is different. If they are Ministers they will go only for very high functions where rich men and costly projects are involved. But that apart . . ."

DEPUTY SPEAKER :—" Next question."

A hon. MEMBER :—" The Hon. Minister has not completed his reply."

DEPUTY SPEAKER :—" I think the Hon. Minister has completed his reply."

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The other public functions which they have to attend are in connection with the conferences of the Presiding Officers and also certain other functions which are regulated by a Government Order "

Sri S. DAIVASIGAMONEY :—" Sir, may I know whether any limit has been fixed as to the amount that either an Hon. Minister or the Hon. Speaker or the Chairman of the Council . . ."

DEPUTY SPEAKER :—" The question does not relate to Ministers."

Sri S. DAIVASIGAMONEY :—" That either the Hon. the Speaker or the Hon. the Chairman can draw in a month?"

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" No limit has been fixed.'

Dr. K. B. MENON :—" Is the Hon. Minister aware that serving the people is not by opening tea shops and small roads and that the Ministers should as far as possible cut short their tours and stick to their tables?"

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DEPUTY SPEAKER :—" The question does not relate to Ministers."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" I submit, Sir, that the question relates also to Ministers."

DEPUTY SPEAKER :—" The question relates only to the difference in the rates of travelling allowance paid to the Presiding officials and those of the Ministers. I shall now pass on to the next question."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" On a point of personal explanation, Sir. The Hon. Minister said that they were opening roads for the benefit of the people. May I know whether it is in people's service to open a road worth Rs. 100 by spending Rs. 500 of people's money by way of travelling allowances? "

(Sri S. Daivasigamoney rose.)

DEPUTY SPEAKER :—" I have already allowed many supplementary questions. During question time, personal explanation is not allowed."

SRI S. DAIVASIGAMONEY :—" Sir, on a point of order. May I know whether the answer given refers to the Hon. the Speaker alone or to the Hon. the Speaker and the Deputy Speaker? "

DEPUTY SPEAKER :—" This is not a point of order. The Hon. the Speaker and the Deputy Speaker are different persons.

" I shall now take five more minutes and finish the rest of the questions."

Formation of Industrial Committees.

* 2252 *Q.*—SRI N. K. PALANISAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government convened a conference of industrialists and representatives of trade and commerce in Madras in March 1955 ;

(*b*) whether a committee for Large Scale and Medium Sized Industries and a committee for Small Scale and Cottage Industries have been constituted as a result of this conference to submit plans for the future industrialization of this State ; and

(*c*) if so, who the members of these committees are?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) & (*b*) Yes, Sir.

" (*c*) The following are the names of the members of the committees—

(i) Committee for Large and Medium Scale Industries—

Convenor—Director of Industries and Commerce, Madras.

(1) Sri S. Anantaramakrishnan, Director, Amalgamations, Limited, Madras.